

COACHING STAFF



Todd Simon is in his third year as a coach with the UNLV men's basketball program and is in his first as associate head coach. He has had a major role in assembling the talent on UNLV's roster as its 2014 recruiting class was ranked the fifth-best in the nation by Rivals.com, while the 2015 class has been ranked No. 11.

Simon, 35, returned to UNLV after spending seven years with the Findlay Prep program, including the last year as its head coach. He also has a previous history with the Runnin' Rebels as he was a video assistant from 2004-06 before joining the Pilots.

At Findlay Prep, Simon spent six seasons as associate head coach before being named to the program's top spot prior to the 2012-13 year. As head coach he led the team to a 35-1 record, including eight wins over top-25 ranked teams. The 35 victories are the most wins in school history as the program finished the regular season ranked as the nation's unanimous No. 1 team for the first time.

Findlay's lone loss during the 2012-13 season came against St. Benedict's in the semifinals of the ESPN National High School Invitational. The loss snapped a school-record 54-game win streak.

A school-record eight players from the 2012-13 team signed with Division I schools and also helped set school records in defensive field-goal percentage and charges taken. In addition, Findlay had an active home win streak of 82 games under Simon's direction.

Simon oversaw all academics of the program as its associate head coach and helped it to achieve a 100 percent graduation rate.

Findlay Prep has become known as one of the top prep schools in the country since it was founded in 2006. Simon was involved from the beginning serving a critical role in bringing elite talent to the school in Henderson, Nev.

Anthony Bennett, who was selected as the top overall pick in the 2013 NBA Draft, Rashad Vaughn, who was picked No. 17 in the 2015 NBA Draft, and Christian Wood, who is with the Philadelphia 76ers, all went to UNLV and Findlay Prep. Other NBA players from Findlay include Avery Bradley, Jorge Gutierrez, Cory Joesph, DeAndre Liggins, Nick Johnson and Tristan Thompson.

The Findlay program won three ESPN National High School Invitational titles and produced seven McDonald's All-Americans with Simon on staff. From 2007-12, the Pilots went 192-9 before the 2012-13 record-breaking season.

Simon worked under Lon Kruger during his previous stop at UNLV and prior to that he spent the second half of the 2003-04 season at Pepperdine as a volunteer assistant. He started his coaching career as

THE SIMON FILE

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Hometown: Fowler, Mich.
High School: Fowler H.S., 1999
Education: Central Michigan, B.S., 2003
UNLV, M.Ed., 2010
Coaching Exp.: UNLV - Assoc. H.C., 2015-pres.
UNLV - Asst. Coach, 2013-15.
Findlay Prep. - Head Coach, 2012-13
Findlay Prep. - Assoc. H.C., 2007-12
Findlay Prep. - Asst. Coach, 2006-07
UNLV - Video Assistant, 2004-06
Pepperdine - Volunteer Asst., 2004
Harrison H.S. - JV Head Coach/Varsity
Asst., 2002-03

the junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant at Harrison High School in Harrison, Mich., during the 2002-03 season.

A native of Fowler, Mich., Simon earned his bachelor's degree from Central Michigan with a double-major in sport studies and management information systems in 2003. He was a member of the Honors College and graduated with a 3.9 GPA. He then earned his master's degree from UNLV in sport education leadership in 2010.

Todd and his wife, Kati, have two boys: Rece (4) and Raylan (will be three in December).

